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Dear Mr. Jaffee:

RE: Docket 98P-0203/CP

I am writing to you to support the petition to ban the forced molting of layer hens. Having recently learned about this utterly cruel and inhumane process of forcing layer hens to produce a greater number of eggs, I am writing to voice my horror and dismay with this common practice of the poultry farming industry. As knowledge of this practice spreads among consumers, I believe they, too, will join the growing number of people who vehemently oppose such an abominable practice. It must not be allowed to continue. In an industry that may be particularly vulnerable to acts of animal abuse and cruelty, such cruelly indifferent behavior toward animals involved in the production of farm products must no longer be overlooked. The humane treatment of all animals, including those involved in the animal farming industry, must be one of the goals of a humane and civilized society. I urge you most strongly to abolish this profoundly disturbing practice.

Yours truly,



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